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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled RECORDING MEDIUM ACCESS DEVICE AND RECORDING MEDIUM ACCESS METHOD the specification of which

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on May 18, 2006 as Application Serial No. 10/579,803 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP2004/017170 filed on November 18, 2004 and as amended under PCT Article 34 on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby claim priority under 35 USC 119 to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-389108 filed on November 19, 2003.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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